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SUBJ: CCD - WESTERN GROUP MEETING ON NEW MASS DESTRUCTION
WEAPONS (MDW)

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL PARA 2, MEETING OF CCD
WESTERN GROUP WAS HELD AUGUST 6 TO DISCUSS UPCOMING CCD
INFORMAL MEETINGS ON MDW.

2. ALL MEMBERS OF GROUP ATTENDED; FRG AND ITALIAN EXPERTS
WERE ON HAND. (UK AND NETHERLANDS EXPERTS WERE TO ARRIVE
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OVER WEEKEND).

3. US REPRESENTATIVES DREW ON REFTTEL PARAS 2 AND 3 AS APPROPRIATE TO INDICATE US POSITION GOING INTO INFORMAL CCD DISCUSSIONS.

4. ENTIRE WESTERN GROUP EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH US APPROACH. THERE WERE SOME MINOR DIFFERENCES OVER WESTERN TACTICAL APPROACHES TO DISCUSSIONS.

5. FRG EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF NOT GETTING INTO DISCUSSIONS OF SPECIFIC WEAPONS OR WEAPON SYSTEMS.

6. UK REPORTED THEIR EXPERT WILL PRESENT PAPER ON GENETIC ENGINEERING WITH CONCLUSIONS THAT : (A) THIS IS NOT LIKELY WEAPON AREA, AND (B) BW CONVENTION GOVERNS THIS AREA ANYWAY.

7. JAPAN SOUGHT (AND RECEIVED) REASSURANCE THAT US CONSIDERED BINARIES COVERED BY CW CONVENTION AND NEGOTIATIONS.

8. CANADA MENTIONED USSR EXPRESSION IN 1961 IN UN THAT NUCLEAR WEAPONS OF YIELD LESS THAN 50 KT WERE NOT NECESSARILY WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (CORRECT?)

9. WESTERN GROUP AGREED TO HAVE NEXT MEETING MONDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 9, PARTLY TO REVIEW US BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH SOVIETS, SCHEDULED IN THE MORNING OF THAT DATE.CATTO

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